REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and further and favorable examination of the subject application on the merits is respectfully requested and such action is earnestly solicited.

By the present amendment, Claims 9-13 are pending in the present application. Original Claims 1-8 have been canceled. New Claims 9-13 are supported, at least, by original Claims 1, 5, 7, and 8, and pg. 5, II. 14-22., of the specification. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

If there are any questions concerning this amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative so that prosecution can be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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